

**Table 3. Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1992-1998**  
(Billion Cubic Feet)

| Year and Month                    | Lease and Plant Fuel <sup>a</sup> | Pipeline Fuel <sup>b</sup> | Delivered to Consumers |                    |                    |                    |                     | Total Consumption   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                   |                                   |                            | Residential            | Commercial         | Industrial         | Electric Utilities | Total               |                     |
| <b>1992 Total</b> .....           | 1,171                             | 588                        | 4,690                  | <sup>c</sup> 2,803 | 7,527              | 2,766              | 17,786              | 19,544              |
| <b>1993 Total</b> .....           | 1,172                             | 624                        | 4,956                  | <sup>c</sup> 2,863 | 7,981              | 2,682              | 18,483              | 20,279              |
| <b>1994 Total</b> .....           | 1,124                             | 685                        | 4,848                  | <sup>c</sup> 2,897 | 8,167              | 2,987              | 18,899              | 20,708              |
| <b>1995 Total</b> .....           | 1,220                             | 700                        | 4,850                  | <sup>c</sup> 3,034 | 8,580              | 3,197              | 19,660              | 21,581              |
| <b>1996</b>                       |                                   |                            |                        |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |
| January .....                     | 106                               | 85                         | 934                    | 480                | 800                | 168                | 2,382               | 2,574               |
| February .....                    | 101                               | 77                         | 831                    | 443                | 747                | 137                | 2,158               | 2,335               |
| March .....                       | 106                               | 72                         | 705                    | 387                | 781                | 156                | 2,030               | 2,209               |
| April .....                       | 104                               | 59                         | 474                    | 284                | 736                | 170                | 1,663               | 1,826               |
| May .....                         | 106                               | 50                         | 271                    | 183                | 701                | 264                | 1,420               | 1,576               |
| June .....                        | 102                               | 46                         | 162                    | 133                | 710                | 299                | 1,305               | 1,454               |
| July .....                        | 105                               | 46                         | 124                    | 126                | 677                | 358                | 1,285               | 1,436               |
| August .....                      | 105                               | 47                         | 118                    | 123                | 704                | 367                | 1,312               | 1,465               |
| September .....                   | 102                               | 45                         | 138                    | 124                | 706                | 285                | 1,253               | 1,399               |
| October .....                     | 104                               | 49                         | 243                    | 171                | 737                | 226                | 1,378               | 1,531               |
| November .....                    | 103                               | 62                         | 503                    | 295                | 764                | 170                | 1,732               | 1,896               |
| December .....                    | 105                               | 74                         | 738                    | 409                | 807                | 132                | 2,086               | 2,266               |
| <b>Total</b> .....                | 1,250                             | 711                        | 5,241                  | <sup>c</sup> 3,161 | 8,870              | 2,732              | 20,006              | 21,967              |
| <b>1997</b>                       |                                   |                            |                        |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |
| January .....                     | <sup>R</sup> 104                  | <sup>R</sup> 88            | <sup>R</sup> 902       | <sup>R</sup> 475   | <sup>R</sup> 816   | 139                | <sup>R</sup> 2,332  | <sup>R</sup> 2,523  |
| February .....                    | <sup>R</sup> 94                   | <sup>R</sup> 78            | <sup>R</sup> 757       | <sup>R</sup> 421   | <sup>R</sup> 759   | 143                | <sup>R</sup> 2,081  | <sup>R</sup> 2,253  |
| March .....                       | <sup>R</sup> 104                  | <sup>R</sup> 73            | <sup>R</sup> 606       | <sup>R</sup> 360   | <sup>R</sup> 782   | 190                | <sup>R</sup> 1,938  | <sup>R</sup> 2,115  |
| April .....                       | <sup>R</sup> 99                   | <sup>R</sup> 61            | <sup>R</sup> 433       | <sup>R</sup> 270   | <sup>R</sup> 739   | 193                | 1,635               | 1,795               |
| May .....                         | <sup>R</sup> 102                  | <sup>R</sup> 54            | <sup>R</sup> 284       | <sup>R</sup> 204   | <sup>R</sup> 713   | <sup>R</sup> 232   | <sup>R</sup> 1,432  | <sup>R</sup> 1,588  |
| June .....                        | <sup>R</sup> 97                   | <sup>R</sup> 49            | <sup>R</sup> 164       | <sup>R</sup> 154   | <sup>R</sup> 690   | <sup>R</sup> 297   | <sup>R</sup> 1,305  | <sup>R</sup> 1,451  |
| July .....                        | <sup>R</sup> 101                  | <sup>R</sup> 52            | <sup>R</sup> 128       | <sup>R</sup> 144   | <sup>R</sup> 683   | <sup>R</sup> 429   | <sup>R</sup> 1,385  | <sup>R</sup> 1,537  |
| August .....                      | <sup>R</sup> 101                  | <sup>R</sup> 51            | 118                    | <sup>R</sup> 140   | <sup>R</sup> 717   | 391                | <sup>R</sup> 1,366  | 1,518               |
| September .....                   | <sup>R</sup> 99                   | <sup>R</sup> 49            | <sup>R</sup> 129       | <sup>R</sup> 142   | <sup>R</sup> 689   | 333                | 1,293               | <sup>R</sup> 1,440  |
| October .....                     | <sup>R</sup> 102                  | <sup>R</sup> 52            | <sup>R</sup> 234       | <sup>R</sup> 190   | <sup>R</sup> 711   | <sup>R</sup> 244   | <sup>R</sup> 1,380  | <sup>R</sup> 1,534  |
| November .....                    | <sup>R</sup> 99                   | <sup>R</sup> 65            | <sup>R</sup> 497       | <sup>R</sup> 306   | <sup>R</sup> 748   | 180                | <sup>R</sup> 1,731  | <sup>R</sup> 1,895  |
| December .....                    | <sup>R</sup> 101                  | <sup>R</sup> 81            | 731                    | <sup>R</sup> 411   | <sup>R</sup> 796   | <sup>R</sup> 197   | <sup>R</sup> 2,135  | <sup>R</sup> 2,317  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                | <sup>R</sup> 1,202                | <sup>R</sup> 752           | <sup>R</sup> 4,984     | <sup>R</sup> 3,223 | <sup>R</sup> 8,843 | <sup>R</sup> 2,968 | <sup>R</sup> 20,018 | <sup>R</sup> 21,972 |
| <b>1998</b>                       |                                   |                            |                        |                    |                    |                    |                     |                     |
| January .....                     | <sup>RE</sup> 106                 | <sup>R</sup> 82            | 794                    | 446                | 799                | 171                | 2,210               | <sup>R</sup> 2,398  |
| February .....                    | <sup>E</sup> 98                   | <sup>R</sup> 72            | 680                    | 389                | 730                | 134                | 1,933               | <sup>R</sup> 2,102  |
| March .....                       | <sup>RE</sup> 106                 | <sup>R</sup> 73            | 636                    | 369                | 749                | 194                | 1,948               | <sup>R</sup> 2,127  |
| April .....                       | <sup>E</sup> 102                  | <sup>R</sup> 58            | 405                    | 254                | 694                | 190                | 1,543               | <sup>R</sup> 1,703  |
| May .....                         | <sup>RE</sup> 105                 | <sup>R</sup> 52            | 219                    | 175                | 668                | 293                | 1,355               | <sup>R</sup> 1,512  |
| June .....                        | <sup>RE</sup> 102                 | <sup>R</sup> 50            | 152                    | 145                | 641                | 379                | 1,316               | <sup>R</sup> 1,469  |
| July .....                        | <sup>RE</sup> 105                 | <sup>R</sup> 54            | 123                    | 154                | 683                | 449                | 1,409               | <sup>R</sup> 1,568  |
| August .....                      | <sup>E</sup> 105                  | 54                         | 115                    | 165                | 686                | 458                | 1,424               | 1,583               |
| <b>September(STIFS)</b> .....     | <sup>E</sup> 101                  | <sup>E</sup> 48            | <sup>E</sup> 124       | <sup>E</sup> 148   | <sup>E</sup> 690   | NA                 | <sup>E</sup> 1,324  | <sup>E</sup> 1,473  |
| <b>October(STIFS)</b> .....       | <sup>E</sup> 104                  | <sup>E</sup> 51            | <sup>E</sup> 218       | <sup>E</sup> 175   | <sup>RE</sup> 703  | NA                 | <sup>RE</sup> 1,332 | <sup>RE</sup> 1,488 |
| <b>November(STIFS)</b> .....      | <sup>E</sup> 103                  | <sup>E</sup> 60            | <sup>E</sup> 413       | <sup>E</sup> 266   | <sup>E</sup> 722   | NA                 | <sup>E</sup> 1,592  | <sup>E</sup> 1,755  |
| <b>1998 YTD<sup>d</sup></b> ..... | <sup>E</sup> 1,138                | <sup>E</sup> 653           | <sup>E</sup> 3,880     | <sup>E</sup> 2,684 | <sup>E</sup> 7,764 | 2,268              | <sup>E</sup> 17,386 | <sup>E</sup> 19,177 |
| <b>1997 YTD</b> .....             | 1,101                             | 671                        | 4,253                  | 2,807              | 8,047              | 2,015              | 17,878              | 19,651              |
| <b>1996 YTD</b> .....             | 1,145                             | 637                        | 4,504                  | 2,749              | 8,064              | 1,919              | 17,916              | 19,699              |

<sup>a</sup> Plant fuel data are only collected on an annual basis and monthly lease fuel data are only collected annually. Lease and plant fuel estimates have been between 6 and 7 percent of marketed production annually. Monthly lease and plant fuel use is estimated from monthly marketed production by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

<sup>b</sup> Pipeline fuel use is only collected on an annual basis. Annually it is between 3 and 4 percent of total consumption. Monthly pipeline fuel data are estimated from monthly total consumption (excluding pipeline fuel) by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

<sup>c</sup> Vehicle fuel deliveries, in billion cubic feet, were 0.4 in 1991, 0.5 in 1992, 1.0 in 1993, 1.7 in 1994, 2.7 in 1995 and 2.9 in 1996.

<sup>d</sup> Year-to-date volume represents months for which volume information is available in the current year.

<sup>R</sup> = Revised Data.

<sup>E</sup> = Estimated Data.

<sup>RE</sup> = Revised Estimated Data.

NA = Not Available.

Notes: Data for 1992 through 1996 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Estimates for the most recent three months are derived from the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS). Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use is classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1992-1996: Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-627, "Annual Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report," (thru 1994), Form EIA-895 "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," (1995 forward), Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report," EIA computations, and *Natural Gas Annual 1996*. January 1997 through the current month: EIA: Form 895, "Monthly Quantity of Natural Gas Report," Form EIA-857, Form EIA-759, and STIFS computations. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.